(b) the steps taken by Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to ensure that sanctioned JNVs become functioned as soon as possible; and

(c) the details of JNVs functioning from temporary sites and the measures taken to shift them to permanent accoummodations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 565 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) have been sanctioned till date, out of which 26 are non- functional.

(b) The concerned State Governments are regularly persuaded to provide temporary building to start the Vidyalayas and to provide suitable sites for construction of permanent buildings for the Vidyalayas.

(c) 139 JNVs are presently functioning in temporary buildings. Construction of buildings has already been sanctioned for 109 JNVs. Sanction for construction of remaining 30 JNVs could not be made due to non- availability of land from the concerned State Governments.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to the secondary level

1393. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has rejected his Ministry's proposal to upgrade the flagship scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to the secondary level;

(b) the main reasons given by the Planning Commission for rejecting the proposal; and

(c) What are the methods Government are trying to implement the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in an effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has accorded 'in-principle' approval to the proposal for a scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education with certain stipulations.

(c) A system of rigorous monitoring and independent reviews to oversee the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme is in place. A

computerized Educational Management Information System gives annual school-based data on all significant educational statistics.

Recommendations of NKC on quality of higher education

1394. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations given by the National Knowledge Commission regarding improvement of quality of higher education;

(b) whether Government have taken a view on the recommendations;

(c) if so, which recommendations have been accepted;

(d) what steps are being taken to implement such recommendations and by when; and

(e) which recommendations were not accepted by Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The National Knowledge Commission has *inter-alia* recommended expansion in higher education by establishing 1500 more Universities and establishment of 50 National Universities to provide education of highest standard, as examples for the rest of Nation and creating new universities by clustering Autonomous Colleges.

(b) to (e) The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission are in the public domain for wider debate among all stake holders.

Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education

1395. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: